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In the second quarter of 1949, gross industrial production of the Ukrainian SSR increased 35 percent over the second quarter of 1948.

Sovkhozes, kolkhozes, and peasant holdings of the Ukrainian SSR exceeded the spring sowing plan. This year, Republic kolkhozes have increased sowing of annual grasses 66 percent, cover-crop grasses (podpokrovnyye travy) 3.4 times, and other perennial grasses (bespokrovnyye travy) 64 percent over 1948.

During the first half of 1949, work done by MTSs in kolkhozes exceeded work for the same period of 1948 by 1.5 million hectares. Plows with colters were used for 85 percent of the spring plowing and 95 percent of the fallow plowing.

Ukrainian kolkhozes completed the program for spring planting of new forest belts 165 percent and the year program 124 percent. The plan for spring planting of forest belts was fulfilled 152 percent by Ukrainian SSR sovkhozes.

In the second quarter of 1949, average daily loading on Ukrainian railroads increased 21 percent over the second quarter of 1948, including ferrous metals 32 percent, coal 11, ore 25, and cement 61 percent.

Goods shipped by river transport in the second quarter of 1949 increased 40 percent over the second quarter of 1948.

Capital construction in the first half of 1949 for the whole Ukrainian SSR was 117 percent of the first half of 1948 volume.

REPORTS KIEV INDUSTRIAL PROCESS -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 174, 26 Jul 49

P. I. Kornitskiy, Secretary of the Kiev City Committee, KP(b) Ukraine, stated at a meeting in Kiev that industrial production in that city increased 39.6 percent during the second quarter of 1949 in comparison with the corresponding period of last year. Of the 480 enterprises in Kiev City, 110 attained in May the average monthly production rate planned for 1950, but 84 enterprises failed to complete the June plan. Among those plants failing to complete the plan were the Machine-Tool Plant imeni Gor'kiy, the "Krasnyy ekskavator" Plant, and the mechanized repair plant (remontno-mekhanicheskiy zavod). P. A. Matsuy, Secretary of the Kiev City Committee, KP(b) Ukraine, also spoke at the meeting.

CONSUMERS' GOODS INDUSTRY NEEDS IMPROVEMENT -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 177, 29 Jul 49

Despite the increase in production of consumers' goods by Ukrainian industry during the second quarter of 1949, Ukrainian industry is not utilizing all reserves and possibilities for further increasing the output of consumers' goods and for improving their quality.

Union enterprises in the Ukrainian SSR are not devoting enough attention to the production of consumers' goods. The assortment of consumers' goods produced by union enterprises is extremely limited and similar. Ministry of Metallurgical Industry plants are making only 33 kinds of products, Ministry of Transportation enterprises 25, coal industry 23, transport-machine building 17, machine and tool building 14, agricultural-machine building 12, and electrical industry 8. Only seven types of consumers' goods are made by enterprises of the Ministry of Automobile and Tractor Industry and the Ministry of Machine-Tool Building. Union enterprises can and must expand the assortment of consumers' goods produced by them during the second half of 1949.

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Although Ukrainian republic and local industry exceeded their gross-production plan for the output of consumers' goods during the first half of 1949, some ministries did little to produce new goods, to increase the variety of consumers' goods, and to improve quality of production. The Ministry of Light Industry and Ministry of Local Industry failed to meet the plans for some individual products. Shoe and knitting enterprises failed to maintain the necessary quality of shoes and knit wear. Trade organizations must sometimes lower the rating of products received and even reject them. There are cases when enterprises producing poor quality consumers' goods cease producing these goods instead of improving them.

Some forward steps have been taken by republic and local industries producing consumers' goods. Socialist competition has been developed in many enterprises to improve the quality of goods. Measures have been taken in specialization and concentration of production of consumers' goods. For example, there were 40 enterprises in Kharkov Oblast producing wagons in 1940; now there are only 17. This allows the other plants to specialize in the production of other products. But these first steps are clearly inadequate. It is possible for republic industry to increase its output from 50 to 100 percent in the near future by a daring introduction of advanced labor methods, complete utilization of productive capacities, and use of advanced technology.

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